

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of the Tuesday, December 2, 2008 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, P. Payton and D. Stillinger.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2008 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

S. Carroll motioned to approve the minutes from November 4, 2008, S. Hoag 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor.

Resignation – Paul Payton submitted his resignation to the Environmental Commission with regret. He thanked all commission members for their dedication and service to the community. He will miss being apart of the Commission and would like to consult with them on occasion.

Resignation - LeAnn Tavtigian submitted her resignation to the Environmental Commission with regret. The EC is grateful for her years of service and for her help with projects, especially the enlarged May electronics recycling event.

Next Meeting Date Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Approved meeting dates for 2009 and January 2010 -

Every first Tuesday: Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, June 2, July - no meeting, Aug 4, Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 in 2009, and Jan 5, 2010.

Awards

- NJ Clean Communities Award presented to CTEC on May 22, 2008 by the NJ Clean Communities Council for the Commission's Riverside Cleanup project. S.Hoag.
- ANJEC Environmental Awards for 2008 to CTEC: Environmental Achievement Award for Township energy and emission inventory performed by S. Carroll and K. Abbott. Environmental Achievement Commendation for Back2Tap program to limit use of plastic water bottles, directed by P. Collington and K. Abbott.

Events

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE. Wednesday Dec. 11, 2008. Chatham Borough Municipal Building. SEAMLESS regional transportation workshop every 4th Tuesday at 8 AM in Madison at Madison Library until the new municipal facilities are finished with construction. Regional transportation is an environmental issue.

RUTGERS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD TRAINING. Training Location: Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland, NJ. Normal Class Time: Thursdays, January to May, 2008; 10:30 to 2:00 pm. Cost: \$250.

Contact: Jan Zientek, Zientek@rce.rutgers.edu , Program Coordinator, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County, 621-A Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068, (973) 228-2210. Information at [envirostewards.rutgers.edu](http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu).

Presentations

Five eighth-graders attending Chatham Middle School and two freshmen at Chatham High School taking part in the First Lego League robotics competition presented a 10 minute skit, "DryWow", on the problems and solutions of excessive stormwater runoff. Competition to take place Dec. 13. Commission members responded with positive feedback and answered questions. Skit to be put on website. K. Abbott. Students participating were Quin Burgunder, Dana Sulit, Stephanie Pastena, Alex Godziela, Calvin Ryan, Michael Mulvaney and Michael Sulit. Adult advisors were Dan and May Sulit.

Application/LOI Review

NEW - EVERGREEN ROAD. 11-20-08. Block 50, Lot 6. LOI application to NJDEP. R-3 (1/2 acre residential). 0.65 acre. Letter to DEP regarding concerns in addition to requesting DEP to consider comparing GIS map from 1999 to 2005 concerning the fill.

CLOSED - CHATHAM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. #2. 172 Southern Boulevard. 11-13-08. Block 102.11, Lot 1. Application to Planning Board for site plan approval for expansion of existing building. Approved at Planning Board meeting on 11-17-08 with recommendations, will consider rain garden. CTEC suggested that a rain garden be constructed.

PENDING - CHATHAM DAY SCHOOL. 700 Shunpike Road. 10-31-08. Block 135, Lots 1 & 9. Application to the Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval, two conditional use variances, hardship c(1) variance for steep slopes disturbance, to demolish 3 buildings and build two new buildings with associated parking areas. Impervious cover of 16.1% is proposed, 15% allowed. 9,995 s.f. (8.7%) of slopes between 20%-25% proposed to be disturbed, 1,151 s.f. (1%) allowed. Commission to write letter to Zoning Board regarding parking and stormwater, possible site walk. S. Hoag and D. Stillinger to write memo.

CLOSED - METRO PCS NEW YORK, LLC. 405 Southern Blvd. 10-31-08. Block 48.16, Lot 117.27. Planning Board application for preliminary and final site plan approval and conditional use approval from former AT&T Wireless to co-locate a wireless communication facility on an existing communications tower on the Public Works property. No further comment from EC is required.

PENDING - ROSEPOND/VALLE ESTATES. 10-23-08. Block 135, Lots 19 & 19.01. Planning Board to allow construction vehicles to enter the project from Green Village Rd. CTEC considering writing a memo regarding restoring of the conservation easement in that area.

PENDING - 296 LAFAYETTE AVE. 10-8-08. Block 106, Lot 18. Application to Planning Board for amendment to deed restriction in order to construct a deck and walkways. Former Lyons property which had a four-family house. Concerns involve drainage and water runoff.

PENDING - ST. HUBERT'S. 9-23-08. Block 142, Lot 4.01. Application to Board of Adjustment for final site plan approval to expand existing facility. Conservation easement to NJDEP required as a condition. Suggest Board of Adjustment require applicant to present it with a copy of the recorded deed of conservation easement before granting final approval.

PENDING - 7 SYCAMORE DRIVE. 4-30-08. Block 38, lot 42.05. Devco Associates, LLC. Application to Planning Board for amended final site plan approval for relief from limits of slope disturbance required by ordinance as stated in code sections 30-96.24 (steep slopes) and 30-96.20 (lot grading plan). The information submitted to the EC is not sufficient to understand what the applicant proposes to do (the conservation easement cannot be disturbed regardless of any slope conditions) so the EC cannot comment at this time.

PENDING - REXCORP. 3-31-08. Block 142 Lots 1 & 2 in Chatham Township, and Block 3303 Lot 2 in Madison. Application to NJDEP for Freshwater Wetlands Permits: GP#6 (activities disturbing up to 1 acre in isolated wetlands), GP#10A (very minor road crossing), Transition Area Averaging Plan Waiver, for a 2-phase development to create a pump-station, Giralda Farms Concert Series concert park, sanitary sewer lines, and office space. EC letters to NJDEP sent 7-18-07 and 5-6-08. Waiting for reply from NJDEP concerning vernal pools on the property.

PENDING - OAK KNOLL SCHOOL. 9-11-07. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning request to break the DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing stormwater pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. CTEC is following this application.

#### Reports & Discussions

Carnaby Street Salon – The EC will respond to salon with a statement expressing the Commission's appreciation for their environmentally friendly efforts. D. Stillinger.

Viewed samples of crumb rubber field materials, discussed types of materials and eco friendliness. K. Abbott to address issues at Township Committee meeting. Report on progress at Shunpike Field to be discussed at December 4 Township Committee meeting. W. O'Connor.

Recommending TheBigGreenBox company (TheBigGreenBox.com) for battery recycling at the spring Electronics Recycling event. P. Collington, K. Abbott.

Planning Board – Fire Dept application approved with recommendations, Rosepond approved with recommendations. Planning Board COAH recommendations to be accepted at Township Committee meeting. L. Caprioglio Education and Outreach. P. Collington - status quo.

Energy Subcommittee – Received application back from State, additional information requested (Part A) to be revised and resent, will start 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of application (Part B). S. Carroll.

Ground Water Protection Committee. In the process of working on an ordinance regarding wellheads, once approved from State, will send to townships. P. Collington. Next meeting December 11.

Conservation easement on-the-ground baseline data collection project. All conservation easements are on a map on the Township GIS web site. Linson data collection has been completed. D. Stillinger will e-mail the results.

#### RECENT LETTERS SENT

- September 2008. Letter to Chatham Athletic Foundation suggesting alternatives to crumb rubber for artificial turf.
- May 2008. 47 & 51 Ormont Road to Planning Board, Verizon cell tower in Green Village to Board of Adjustment, 428 River Road to NJDEP, 49 Woodmont Drive to NJDEP, RexCorp re vernal pools to NJDEP.
- MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)
- CTEC financial expense statement from M. Gerba through October 2008.
- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli  
Minutes Secretary